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TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT: A MEMO ON FOREIGN POLICY

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Top-most among the problems facing President Eisenhower next January will be those involving foreign affairs. What to do about Korea? How help a divided Germany survive? Where will trouble next erupt on the Iron Curtain border?

In an effort to pinpoint the most crucial problems demanding solution and recommend constructive action, the Overseas Press Club presents three correspondents recently returned from assignment in different global areas who will contribute to the Club's "Memo on Foreign Policy":

A. W. JESSUP, Tokyo Bureau Chief for McGraw-Hill World News, now on leave for a Council on Foreign Relations fellowship

NORBERT MUHLEN, Reader's Digest roving contributor, who returned to the U.S. several weeks ago after two and a half months in Germany

Plus another, whose acceptance could not be verified at press time.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY; SEATING SPACE WILL BE LIMITED

AT THIS LUNCHEON

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Walter Kerr, chief European editor for the N.Y. Herald Tribune arrived in N.Y. Oct. 27 on the liner Constitution...DICKSON HARTWELL off to Brazil, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala. In addition to field survey for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, will do a series of articles for NANA and a magazine assignment...ARTHUR REEF will use the OPC as a temporary mailing address during his two-month home leave in New York, Washington and California after two years at the American Embassy in Rome...IRVING PFLAUM, Foreign Editor of the Chicago Sun-Times in New York this week...JOHN MCTIGHE back in civvies after an 18-month hitch in Psychological Warfare in Germany; plans to return to Radio Free Europe...HELEN BUCKLER, back at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa. after visiting England and France; reports: "Paris was dusty, shabby, in need of paint and just as beguiling as ever"...DOROTHY N.S. RUSSELL now with the Manhattan Tribune, Manhattan, Kansas...J.C. DINE of Ziv TV productions reports imminent release of "Freedom, U.S.A." starring, Tyrone Power...RICHARD THOMAS flew via TWA for a conference with his West Coast representative after completing a series of lectures in New York, New Jersey and Penna., to line up West Coast dates. Back in N.Y. for the elections, he guested on Ethel Colby's Dumont-TV show, "Broadway Matinee"....

MILESTONES: Biggest news story of 1952 for WALT and Toni WEISBECKER is the arrival, in Rome on September 30, of eight-pound son Andrew...

GRETTA PALMER's new book, God's Underground in Asia" to be published soon by Appleton-Century-Crofts...VICTOR LASKY's piece on Frank Edwards, the AFL radio commentator, in current issue of U.S.A., the N.A.M. magazine...MYER AGEN reviewed "OFF THE RECORD" for Galley Guide; reports reading "OFF THE RECORD" reviews in papers around the country...

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OFF) An excellent review of OFF THE RECORD in the Chicago Tribune by PERCY WOOD says:
THE) "This book is a great treat, not only for reporters but for all who are curious to
RECORD) know how a newspaperman works under pressure in a land not his own..."Off the Record" is fine stuff and sincere compliments are extended the editors, particularly for their notes and comments preceeding each story and revelation." (see bottom Page 3).

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ABOUT BOOKS Guest reviewer: J.S. ROSAPEPE: "Coins in the Fountain" by John Secondari (J.B. Lippincott & Co.) is a highly readable novel by the husband of OPC member RITA by HUME SECONDARI. Principal characters include a Rome wire service bureau chief JOHN GOETTE who thinks he has been overseas too long, his lovely Italian wife, a radio network correspondent, and a wide assortment of pretty American secretaries, embassy officials and Italians. Having been in and out of Rome since 1925 and having lived there for over three years as a newsman, it seems to me that Secondari's book is one of the best about Rome since the war. The fictional characters are portrayed with skill and candor. The description of the Appian Way the sunset from the Spanish steps and the late afternoon walk all help explain what keeps Americans--besides the coin they threw in the fountain--going back to Rome.

The OPC reports with regret the death of Mrs. Jennie Grossi, mother of DAN GROSSI, who died October 26 at the age of 73.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Admissions. Clubrooms. Monday, Nov. 10th, 5:45 p.m.
Board of Governors. Clubrooms. Wednesday, Nov. 12th, 5:45 p.m.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE: Harry Ellis, Middle East Correspondent, Christian Science Monitor. Field assignments in the Near and Middle East, including Israel, Turkey, Iran, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan since December 28, 1951 and continuing. Proposed by MARY HORNADAY, seconded by N.F. ALLMAN.

ASSOCIATE: Charles Bonner, Pres. Bonner and Newman, Inc.; also free-lance fiction. Spain and Portugal for Foreign Press Association (now defunct) August 1920 to March 1921. Novels: "The Fanatics", "Bull By the Horns", "Legacy", and others. Proposed by JOHN L. DOORTY, seconded by B. Mathieu.

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MILESTONE: Born, to Member BENJAMIN COHEN, assistant secretary-general of the United Nations and Mrs. Cohen, a son, Roland David, at Polyclinic Hospital, October 23rd.

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WANTED -- small apartment, beginning end of November, for approximately three to four weeks. Write ARTHUR REEF, c/o Overseas Press Club, 1475 Broadway, NYC. Longacre 4-0174.

NEWSPAPERWOMEN STAGE "FRONT PAGE" DANCE NOVEMBER 21

The 1952 Edition of the annual "Front Page" dinner dance will be held Friday, Nov. 21, at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria by the N. Y. Newspaperwomen's Club. Officers of the newswomen's club include OPC members KATHLEEN MCLAUGHLIN, ANNE O'HARE MCCORMICK, HELEN ROGERS REID. Patrons for the event include SEYMOUR BERKSON, Hugh Baillie, Roy W. Howard, Frank J. Starzel, Mrs. Dorothy Schiff, Mrs. Joseph Medill Patterson, Whitelaw Reid, Arthur Hays Sulzberger. Tickets are \$12.50 and up, at Newspaperwomen Club offices in the Biltmore Hotel.

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----- Paris Dateline--BERNARD S. REDMONT observed a sign in a Saarbruecken bus:
THE OVERSEAS 38 sitzplaetze - 39 places assises, and remarked (in the Continental Daily
TICKER Mail: "Apparently 39 Frenchmen can sit in the same area as 38 Germans"...

----- Frank L. Dennis, assistant managing editor of the Washington Post is the new director of information for the Office of the Special Representative in Europe. He replaced Waldemar A. Nielson, who is now with the Ford Foundation...Andre Glarner, manager of the Paris office of Exchange Telegraph for 40 years, is retiring at the age of 70; he covered both World Wars and spent nine years in the United States. The International Air Edition of the N.Y. Times, which came to Paris four years ago, moved to Amsterdam with European Manager Edward N. Jenks and his staff...The latest roster of the Anglo-American Press Association lists 119 active and 26 associate members, working for 24 American and 23 British publications...This year's president is John Willis of the London Daily Telegraph (PRESTON GROVER, Chief of AP's Paris Bureau, served for several years); Vice-presidents are J. Kingsbury Smith, INS star European correspondent; and Darsie Gillie, Manchester Guardian...ERIC HAWKINS, secretary-general, wants it known that visiting OPCers are always welcome at the group's weekly luncheons...

AND FINALLY: French President Vincent Auriol gave a hunting party at Ram-bouillet from which the press was excluded. Observing an American reporter who had gotten into the enclosure, he approached him and said: "If I were your editor, I would get you a raise. Since I'm not--you better get out..!" (Special to The Bulletin from CURT L. HEYMANN).

Tokyo Dateline--Bill Jorden, president of the Foreign Correspondent's Club of Japan, who worked for the AP in Japan and Korea since 1948, resigned to join the N.Y. Times staff in Tokyo. Jorden with Bureau chief Lindesay Parrott will concentrate on extending N.Y. Times coverage of civilian Japan, which up to now was subordinated to the Korean War. War coverage will be handled by Greg MacGregor and Bob Alden, who flew out from N.Y. for a return engagement to relieve Murray Schumach and George Barrett...Gen. Mark Clark, a recent guest of the club, gave an excellent talk on the current Japan-Korea situation...AP photographer George Sweers returned from a six-week vacation in the states with a new bride, the former Ruth Beane, now in Tokyo while Sweers is at the Korean front...a gang of the correspondents went to Japan's southernmost island of Jyushu to attend the annual Japanese newspaper editor and publisher's convention. AP was represented by Bureau Chief Bob Eunson, Photo Editor MAX DESFOR, and Business Manager Shinobu Higashi. UP had Bureau Chief Ernie Hoberecht and Rutherford Poats. AFP had Leon Prou; NANA, Ray Falk; Central China News Agency, Lee Chia; Reuters, Bureau Chief Sydney Brookes. Theme of the convention was Freedom of the Press, and Eunson addressed the delegates on the subject of Bill Oatis...

CBS' Lou Chioffi, hit by mortar fragments in the leg while covering the fierce fighting in the triangle area in Korea, is recovering slowly at Tokyo General Hospital. Gene Zenier, Warner Pathe, joins the list of householders, moving into his own home. Gene says it costs lots of yen--but its all his. Brother Julie, NBC-TV, beat his brother by three months in moving out of the press club into his own house...(Special to The Bulletin from MAX DESFOR)

BONN--Don Cook, in last Sunday's N.Y. Herald Tribune writes that foreign correspondents in Germany are protesting a decision of the West German government to subsidize an exclusive press club for 60 self-styled "sincere German journalists", not to provide social facilities alone for correspondents in Bonn but to sort out "reliable" correspondents who will receive exclusive access to government news sources...

Cook writes: "...this brings to a head a three-year feud over press policies and procedures, which has pitted the foreign correspondents in Bonn--first as individuals and then as an association--against a small but dominant group of German reporters who have displayed what might be described as a 'cartel mentality' in their approach to the practice of journalism. The Association of Foreign Correspondents has fought the use of exclusive organizations of journalists as a medium of releasing government news to the detriment of other reporters...By a hangover from the pre-war practice in Berlin, Bonn is the only big European news center where press conferences are called not by the government but by the press, which, upon hints from the government, 'invites' ministers or government spokesmen to come and talk. The German press argued, therefore, that one had to join their organization to have the right to attend press conferences.

"The foreign press virtually unanimously refused to join and continued to show up at the press conferences regardless, taking the position that if government news was being given out, any reporter should be able freely to attend without having to join anything....

GALLUP--STAY 'WAY FROM OUR DOOR--At last week's pre-election "Who Will Win?" luncheon, JOHN BARKHAM suggested that OPCers present be polled before the political experts predicted. A total of 62 ballots were cast. Results: One blank; Eisenhower to win, 20; Stevenson, 41! (according to the attested count of tellers CHARLES M. KINSOLVING, ELIZABETH FAGG and LEN SMITH.)

The three reporters who discussed candidates and campaigns asked that their remarks--direct, to the point, and no punches pulled--be kept off the record. It may now be reported that two of them, MERRILL "RED" MUELLER of NBC and Bruce Blossat of NEA predicted that Eisenhower would win in a very close election.

President William P. Gray introduced IRVING LEVINE, NBC, in from Tokyo to begin a year's fellowship with the Council on Foreign Relations; HAZEL SHORE, former Tokyo correspondent of The Bulletin (whose successor is MAX DESFOR, AP Photographer, as of this issue); KEN GINIGER and his bride, Carol; CY PETERMAN, Philadelphia Inquirer; new member GEORGE MASTERS, public relations director of Northwest Airlines; Major BILL ORMEROD, British Information Service; ALBERT STEVENS CROCKETT II, just back from Korea; new member DAVID BERNSTEIN attending his first luncheon. Spotted around the crowded room were: BEN GRAUER, CROSWELL BOWEN (one of the experts); BRUNO SHAW, ROBERT GRAFF, HOUSTON BOYLES, CHARLES ROBBINS, ABEL BANOV, RUSS ANDERSON, N.F. ALLMAN, CARL BAKAL, LARRY BLOCHMAN, BILL BERNS, W.F. BROOKS, LUTHER CONANT, LILLIAN GENN, Mrs. Albert Marrow, GERALD FRANK, BELLA FROMM, RALPH GARDNER, MANFRED GEORGE, CHARLES GILLETT, GORDON HAMILTON, JERRY HANNIFIN, JOE JOESTEN, RICHARD JOSEPH, VIC LASKY, RUTH LLOYD, PAT LOCHRIDGE, EARL CHAPIN MAY, RALPH MAJOR, B. MATHIEU, LEO MARGOLIN, ELSIE MCCORMICK, DOROTHY OMANSKY, REAVIS O'NEAL, DOROTHY OSHLAG, JOSEPH PETERS, MADELINE ROSS, JOSEPH RUFFNER, DEREK RUSSELL, GERALDINE SARTAIN, MARY SCOVILLE, MARK SENIGO, DAVE SHEFRIN, DANIEL VAN ACKER, JACK DOORTY, H.G.W. WOODHEAD, GRETTA PALMER and others.

The book prize, "The Life and Death of Stalin" by Louis Fischer (Harper Bros.) went to J.C. DINE.

A. WILFRED MAY, executive editor of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle, will moderate an election post-mortem today at the Harmonie Club. Participants are U.S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith, James Farley and Norman Thomas...

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Robert U. Brown reports in Editor and Publisher that a poll completed October 27 showed that Eisenhower had the editorial support of 67% of the nation's daily newspapers with 80% of the total daily circulation. Stevenson had the support of 14% of the dailies with 10% of the total daily circulation. Of a total of 1,385 dailies covered in the poll, 250 or 18% remained independent. There are a total of 1,773 daily newspapers published in the United States. In 1948, Dewey had the backing of 65% of the dailies; Truman 15%.)

The distance to death

Travel statistics of the past five years indicate that you can go six times as far by rail as you can by air before being mathematically certain of meeting death.

Rail transportation is eight times safer than auto and taxi in terms of death, and seventeen times safer in terms of injury. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, for example, has not suffered a passenger fatality in the last thirty-seven years.

When it comes to the distance to death we find that it is twenty-five hundred times around the earth by air and fifteen thousand times around the earth by rail. (And there are some commercial travelers who feel that they must be approaching these figures!)

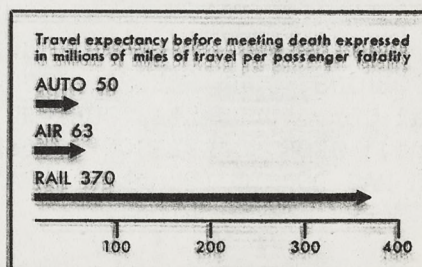
The airplane pilot doing only nine hundred and forty hours per year for only twenty years at two hundred and fifty miles per hour can expect to spend only thirteen working lifetimes before meeting death. There is the consolation of knowing, however, that there is very little prospect of his being merely injured.

The railway conductor, looking forward to a fifty-year working life one hundred and fifty miles per day, three hundred days per year, can reasonably expect to go one hundred

and sixty-five lifetimes without death, but only five lifetimes without injury.

We office workers and non-commercial travelers may have a less glamorous existence than the airplane pilot, but before we cloister ourselves to escape the mathematical certainty of death by travel if continued long enough, we might remember that more accidents occur at home than any place else on earth. At home the distance to death may be only to a slippery bathtub.

This is a column written for Railway Progress Magazine by Robert R. Young, Chairman of the Federation for Railway Progress, and is reproduced here as a public service.



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ELECTION NIGHT) The picture puzzle of a new presidency--balloted into office by the largest
 BREAKS ALL OPC) outpouring of voters in the nation's history--was pieced together and out-
 ATTENDANCE RECORDS) lined for hundreds of club members, foreign correspondents and visitors, and
 thousands who lined Times Square below the clubhouse windows as returns from every state came pouring in via telephone, telegraph, and television. A mammoth electronic control booth installed by the N.Y. Times registered the temperature of U.S. voters on an 85-foot neon "thermometer" set to blaze the name of the winning candidate as soon as the needed 266 electoral votes were in, to the waiting crowds.

The monumental task of relaying vote counts to key centers was organized with speed and dispatch from polls, some of them open as early as six a.m. and as late as 10 p.m. for the record-breaking registration of 80 million. The trend was clear from the outset, and some of the European representatives sent off their Eisenhower victory cables by 10:30 p.m. The Times Tower clubrooms of the OPC were jam-packed with constantly changing crowds of visitors checking on returns, watching developments on the TV set in one corner and the N.Y. Times control booth in another; or pontificating over significance and trends at the bar. Clubrooms stayed open to three a.m.--when General Eisenhower read Stevenson's message to a TV audience--and went to bed.

Some of the hundreds who surged through the clubrooms during the long watch signed in--those whose signatures are legible included: MARY HORNADAY, Ronald Stead, CECIL CARNES, IRVING PFLAUM, CHARLES ROBBINS, DOROTHY OMANSKY, LEANDER FITZGERALD, W. FORSYTH, Australian Minister to UN and Delegate M. Shann, Ron Younger, Australian Inf. Bureau, Mrs. Betty Angly (Widow of ED ANGLY), FRANK GIBNEY, BOYAN CHOUKANOFF, CROSWELL BOWEN, MATT HUTTNER, JEWEL DE BONILLA, RITA HUME and JOHN SECONDARI, B. MATHIEU, E.C. MAY, A. WILFRED MAY, WILL OURSLER, Charles Meeking, Ed., Canberra Times, ELLISEVA SAYERS, RUTH LLOYD, Clara Tihanyi, DAN VAN ACKER, BURTON CRANE, Max Dorian, GERRY SARTAIN, SANFORD GRIFFITH, DOROTHY FISHER, W.D. Forsyth, Jas. H. Stebbins, Lyn Robertson, Lillian Travers, ABEL BANOV, Elliott W. Robbins, ELMER BORSUK, NORMA BABCOCK, JERRY HANNIFIN, RICHARD THOMAS, MARGARET PARTON, BERT BRANDT, GERTY AGOSTON, TOM JOHNSON, BOYAN CHOUKANOFF, KATHERINE LEEDS, WYTHE WILLIAMS, N.F. ALLMAN, JOE JOESTEN, LARRY BLOCHMAN, HELEN and STEPHEN ZOTOS, John P. Bell, Mrs. GEORGE E. JONES, Lydia B. Hubbard, IRIS MOSSIN, STANLEY ROSS, THEO FINDAHL, W. B. Sharp, and many, many others.

WHAT'S MORE: HAL LEHRMAN lecturing about Soviet European satellites and Middle East, on westward tour bounded by Little Rock, Ark., and Rock Island, Ill...GEORGE E. JONES now in Korea, as Public Information officer with UNKRA. Address: PIO, UNKRA, APO 59 c/o PM, S.F....GERTY AGOSTON's short story "Doggie the Lamb" in Staatszeitung.... RANDAL HEYMANSON presided over a luncheon of the American Australian Ass'n at which Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, R.G. Casey, and T.C. Webb, Australian and New Zealand foreign ministers and Ass't Sec'y of State John Hickerson as guest speakers...ADELE NATHAN back from a quick trip to Annapolis, Md. to attend the opening of the library at Government House...HENRY C. WOLFE on a lecture tour as far west as Omaha, addressed Pittsburgh's League of Women Voters (fourth season)...RITA HUME and husband John Secondari changed plans and will not be leaving for Italy for the moment....

President WILLIAM P. GRAY announces the appointment of William Coppersmith as campaign director for the Club's Memorial Fund drive. Mr. Coppersmith, who is making his office at Club Headquarters, is an experienced fund director. He was recently associated with the United Business Committee of the National Association of Manufacturer's prior to which assignment he headed up the United Hospital Fund's Mens Division in its successful \$4-million drive.

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